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CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PGOV, BG
SUBJECT: NEW ADVISOR FOR JUTE

1. THE BDG ANNOUNCED AUGUST 5 THAT S.M. SHAFIUL AZAM, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION, HAD BEEN NAMED PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR WITH THE PORTFOLIO FOR JUTE. AZAM REPLACES KAZI ANWARUL HUQ AS THE ADVISOR FOR JUTE, BUT HUQ WILL RETAIN HIS LAND ADMINISTRATION PORTFOLIO.

2. AZAM, BORN IN CHITTAGONG, FEBRUARY 2, 1924, RECEIVED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN ENGLISH FROM DACCA UNIVERSITY AND JOINED THE FIRST BATCH OF RECRUITS FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE OF PAKISTAN IN 1949. DURING HIS CAREER, HE HELD SUCH RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS AS ADDITIONAL SECRETARY AND SECRETARY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF EAST PAKISTAN COMMERCE, LABOR AND INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT; GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
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CHIEF CONTROLLER OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS; AND GOVERNMENT OF EAST PAKISTAN ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY FOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. IN 1958, HE WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EASTERN MERCANTILE BANK. AZAM VISITED THE UNITED STATES IN 1961 ON AN EISENHOWER FELLOWSHIP TO ATTEND A SEMINAR AT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY. IN 1968, AZAM AGAIN VISITED THE U.S., ATTENDING THE WASHINGTON

MEETING OF AID TO PAKISTAN CONSORTIUM. IN 1969, HE WAS NAMED CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF EAST PAKISTAN, A POSITION MAKING HIM THE RANKING BUREAUCRAT IN EAST PAKISTAN. DURING 1971 HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO ISLAMABAD AS SECRETARY TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. AFTER REPATRIATION TO INDEPENDENT BANGLADESH IN 1973, HE RETIRED FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE, BUT HE RETURNED IN 1975 AT PRESIDENT KHANDAKAR MUSHTAQUE AHMAD'S REQUEST TO BECOME CABINET SECRETARY. IN JULY, 1976, HE BECAME DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

3. COMMENT: AZAM IS NOT ONLY THE MOST SENIOR BUT IS WIDELY CONSIDERED TO BE AMONG THE MOST COMPETENT ADMINISTRATORS PRESENTLY IN THE BANGLADESH BUREAUCRACY. HE IS KNOWN ALSO TO USAID OFFICIALS AS A FORCEFUL MAN WHO WAS AFFECTIVE IN THE PLANNING COMMISSION.
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